

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Steven M. Betker  
5 Assignee: QLOGIC, Corporation  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REDUCING DEADLOCK IN FIBRE  
CHANNEL FABRICS USING VIRTUAL LANES  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 20, 2008**

Sir:

Applicant submits the following remarks in response to the office action of August 20,  
20 2008 with a request for continued examination (RCE) and the appropriate fees.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2  
of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.